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Monday, May 16, 2011

Dear Lou Walker Members:

As you may well know by now, DeKalb County like most every county in America is managing through very difficult economic times forcing significant budgetary and operational adjustments. The Human Development Department, under which the Lou Walker Center is managed, has cut more than 38% of its operations cost over the last 2 budget years. With your help and cooperation, we hope to phase in some necessary adjustments to ensure the continued health and growth of the Lou Walker Center.

The Center continues to receive direct supplemental dollars from the County to maintain its daily operations and membership benefits, including of course, cost of instruction and food service. The current margin of money the county pays for each benefit to our members must be systematically reduced in order to demonstrate to all other county taxpayers, the Lou Walker commitment to responsible government.

Based on your input over time, you will see some slight increases in the cost of food items starting this July. And by the end of the summer you will realize other slight increases in rental fees as well as annual membership fees, which may include some small additional fees for specific classes. Any increase in annual membership fees will only occur as each of you renews your annual membership. We will make certain to consider your ideas and keep you up to date with letters and *Let's Talk* meetings as specifics are discussed and determined.

Thank you so much for your understanding and participation as we continue to strive to better serve your priorities.

Thanks,

Management